BLS-ADR COMMITTEE MEETING March 2. 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Eleanor Barr
Peter Bronson
Michael Carbone
Eric Van Ginkle
Michele Flurer
Jane Garzilli
Susan Keenberg
Carol Millie
Irving Pfeffer
Gerry Phillips
Tom Reese
Jon Sylvester

GUESTS:

Martin Dodd Steve Sherman

- **1. Welcome and introduction of guests**, Martin Dodd and Steve Sherman, by Mike Carbone. Mike called meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- **2. Approval of minutes** of last meeting: approved with corrections by committee members.
- **3. Program Committee report** by Michele Flurer. The Committee thanked Jane Garzilli for her excellent work over the past several years. Eleanor Barr will be co-chair of the program committee. She told is participating in a program at Harvard for the International Academy of Mediators: Master Thinkers Meet Master Practitioners. The Committee discussed its proposals for programs at the State Bar Annual Meeting and the Webinar on Online Dispute Resolution that we are co-sponsoring with the Cyberspace Committee.
- **4. New legislation**. There was discussion on ADR policy issues including:
 - **a.** Comment letter sent to Judicial Council on arbitrator ethics
 - **b.** Proposed Rule 1-720 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
- **5. Website and E-Bulletins**. The committee discussed how to enlarge our constituency list. Updates to the website are now made once a month. Michael Mullen is overloaded and may get help later in the year. In the meantime, get any requests in early and plan ahead.

- **6. Ideas for outreach** to other committees. The annual leadership retreat in Monterey with executive committee and other committee chairs is coming up in April. Committee members are encouraged to give Susan and Mike their ideas on how we can interact with other committees.
- **7. ADR Manual for Business Lawyers.** Eleanor reported on progress with the manual on ADR clauses. The committee is looking forward to receiving the first draft for comment.
- **8. Other business.** Efforts to create a dispute resolution program for workers comp cases continue within the limitation of statute. Richard Robin, retired worker comp AL judge administers a different program designed to serve a similar function.

Adjourn until April 13*

*Please Note: Future meetings for 2006 are scheduled for April 13, May 25, July 20, September 7, and October 6.

Carol Mille, Secretary